



SpeakUnique

Introduction to SpeakUnique

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# About SpeakUnique



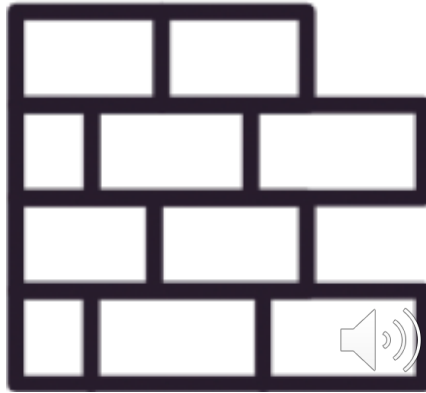
# Mission Statement

Delivering personalised synthetic voices to those who have, or will, lose their voice due to medical conditions, through exploiting world-leading academic research in informatics and clinical science.

## The Unmet Need

There is a unmet need to provide personalised synthetic voices **simply** and **quickly**, and also to those with **impaired** or **unintelligible** speech.

# Voice Build



## Voice Build

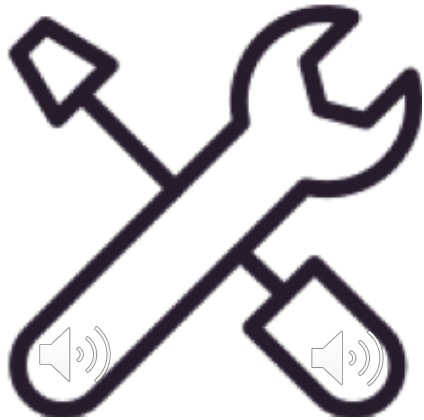
£175

For those with a medical diagnosis, but unaffected speech, we can create a synthetic replica of their voice using just a thirty-minute recording.

“I mean, you are your voice, aren’t you? It’s a huge thing to be able to still communicate and people know that it’s you that’s doing the talking” - Patient

“At a time of inexorable decline, SpeakUnique has given me something positive: the chance to buck the trend and recapture an aspect of myself I thought had gone forever: my chance to speak for myself.” – Patient

# Voice Repair



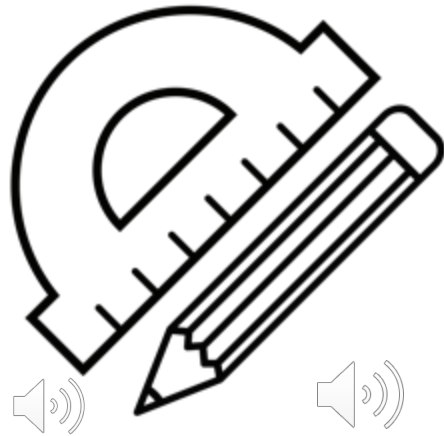
## Voice Repair

£250

For those who have already experienced a deterioration in their speech, such as slowing and slurring, we can repair this in their synthetic voice.

“I was a bit breathless when I made the recording, and I only recorded half the phrases, so it seems little short of miraculous that the SpeakUnique voice is so close to my voice back in November.” -  
Patient

# Voice Design



**Voice Design**

£300

For those with no intelligible speech, they can design their own personalised synthetic voice based on their desired accent, age, and gender.

Need to submit approx. 10 mins of old recordings or nominate two “Voice Donors”

*e.g. for people who have already lost their voice*

“You’ve recreated me – thank you!”

“I was able to surprise wife telling her I loved her in my own (almost) voice. Priceless”

I'm Helen, a retired  
secretary from Glasgow.

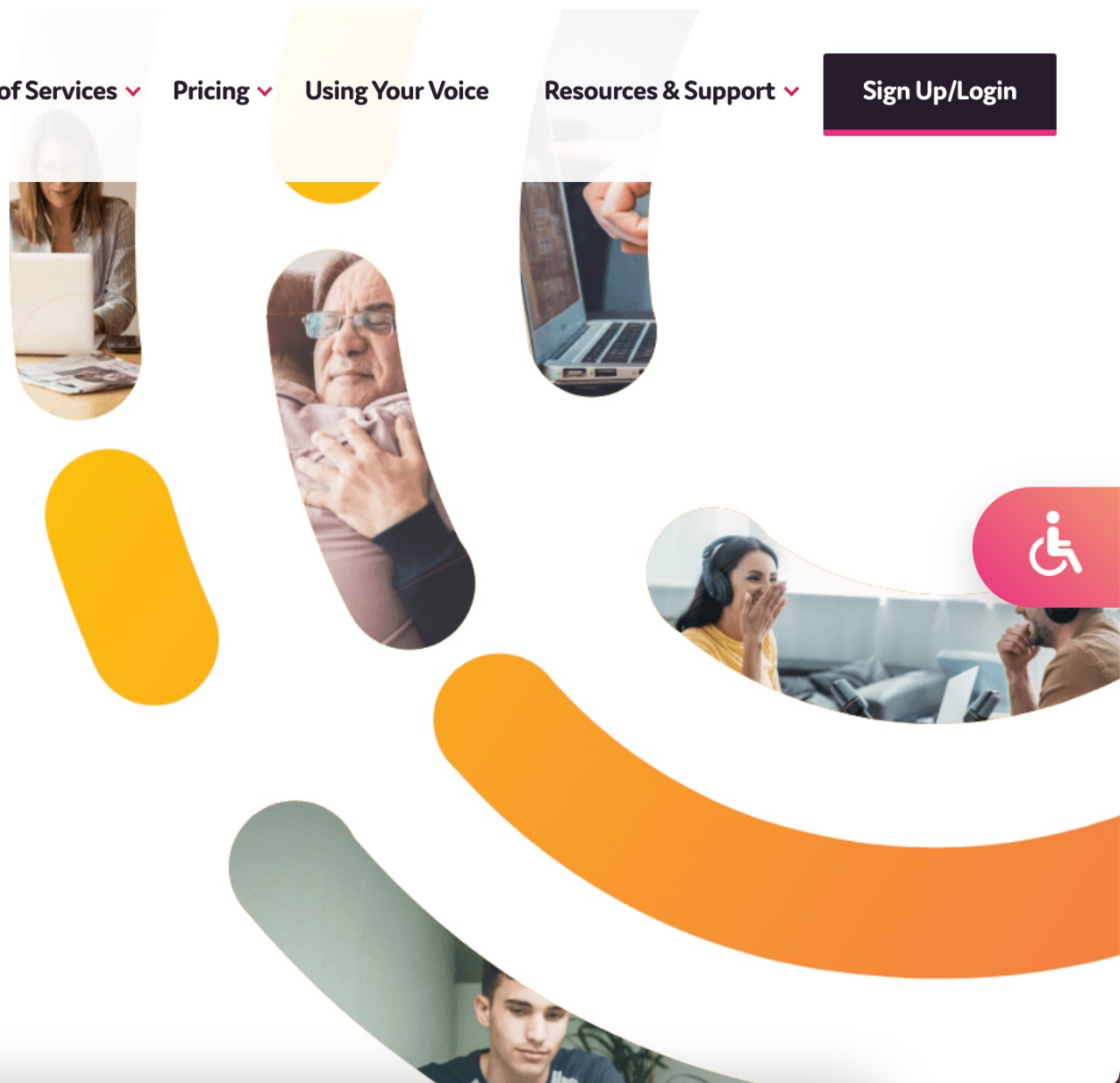




# Welcome to SpeakUnique

Voice banking solutions for all speech needs.

In your own words.



# Support Documents

We have prepared a selection of useful “How to” guides and documents to support you through the voice banking process.

## Introduction to SpeakUnique

An overview of SpeakUnique’s voice banking services and process.

[Read More](#)

## How to: Voice Build

Step-by-step instructions for creating a Voice Build.

[Read More](#)

## How to: Voice Repair

Step-by-step instructions for creating a Voice Repair.

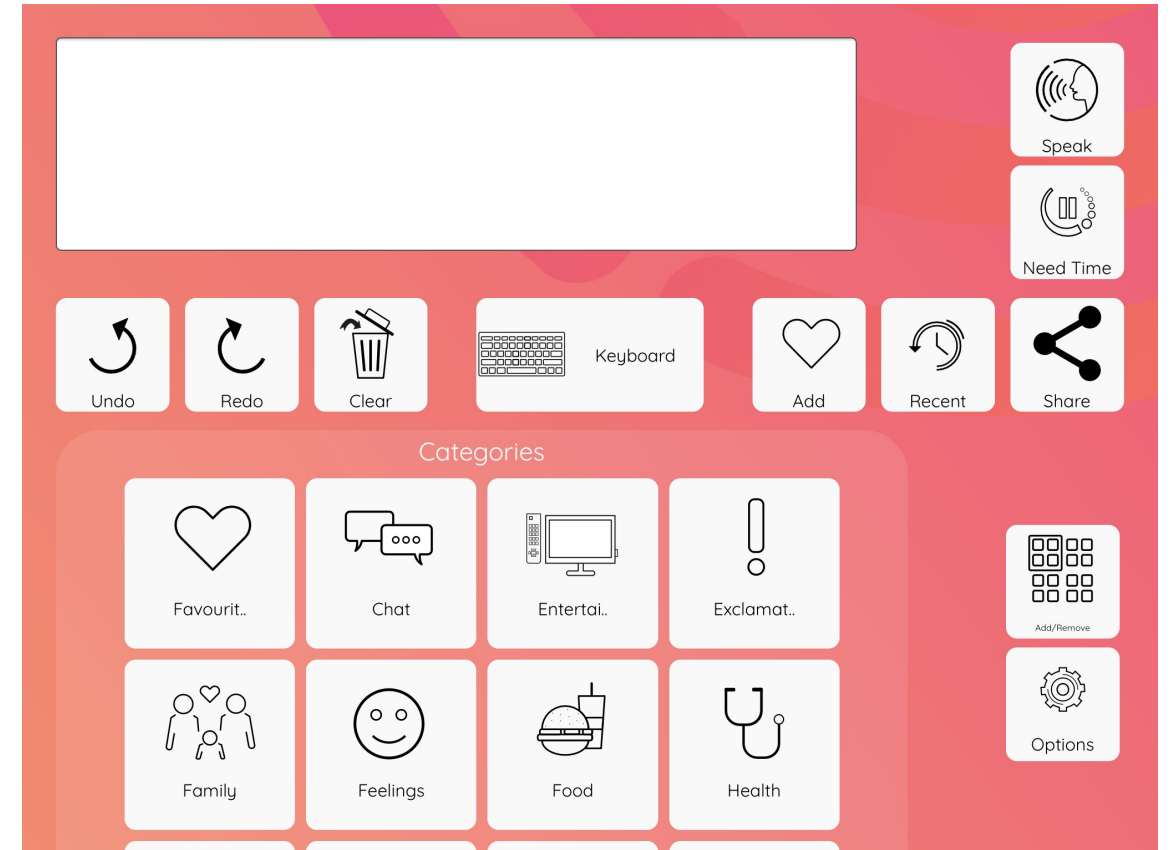
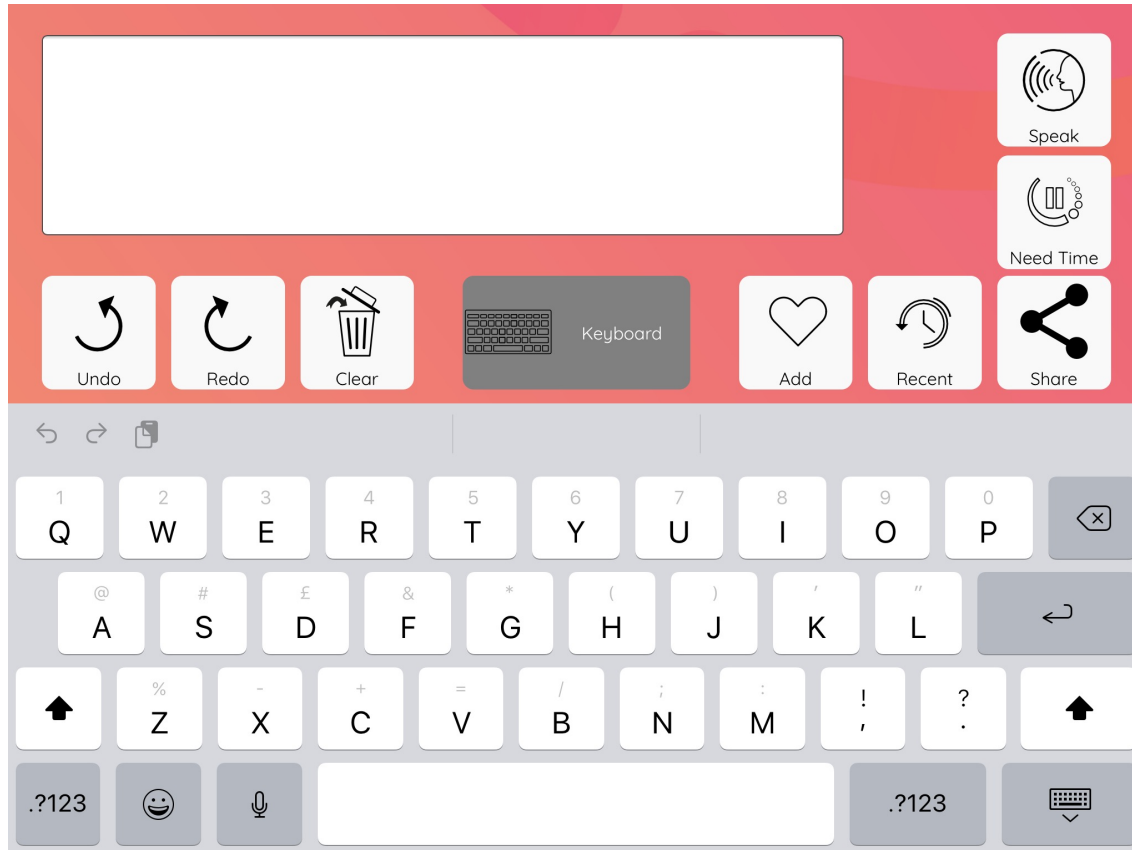
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## How to: Voice Design

Step-by-step instructions for creating a Voice Design.

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# Using the synthetic voice



**Questions at this point?**

# Steps to bank your voice with SpeakUnique

- 1 Register
- 2 Record
- 3 Submit Recordings
- 4 Listen to samples
- 5 Pay/ apply for funding
- 6 Download voice



# 1. Register



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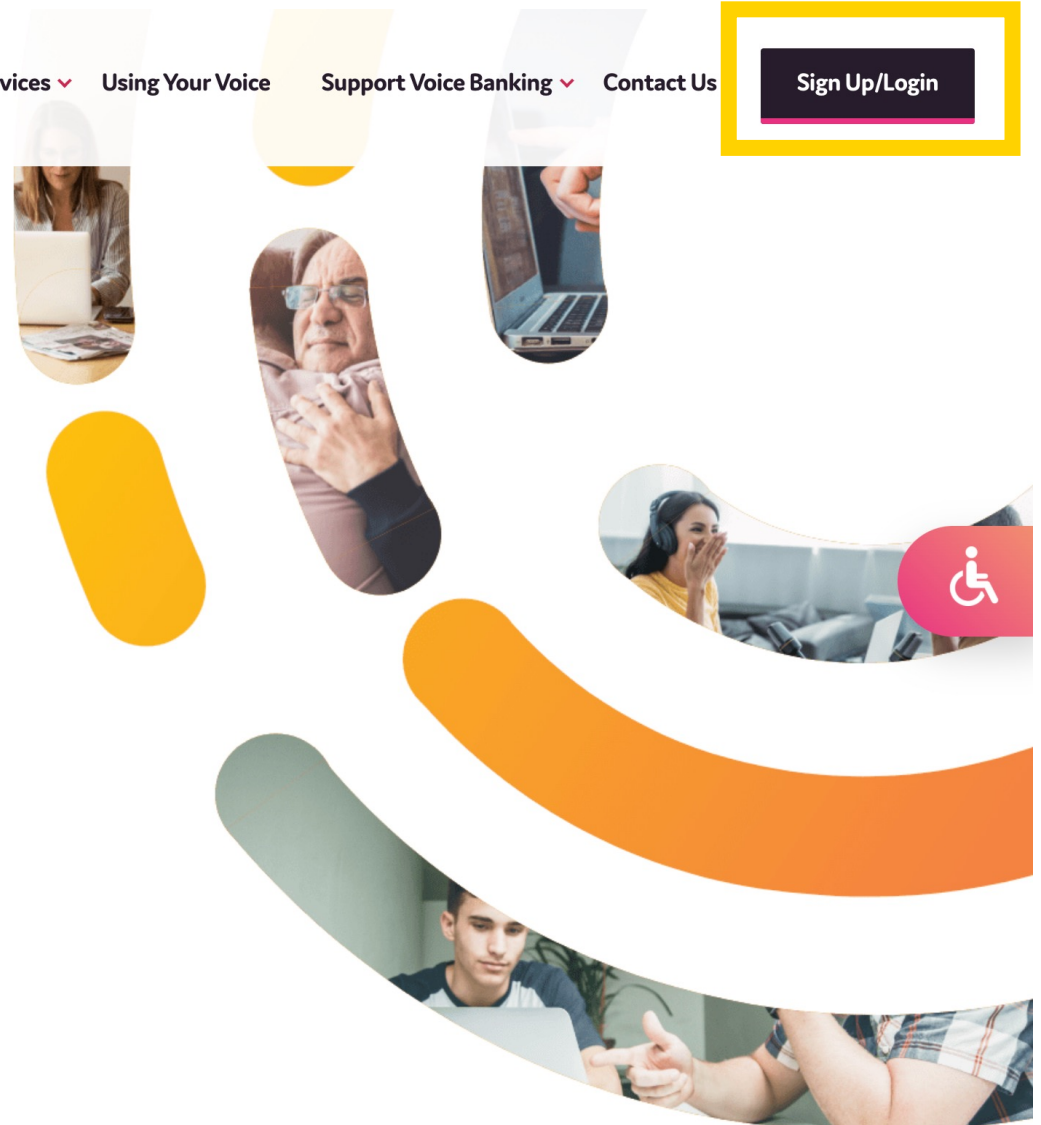
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Sign Up/Login

## Welcome to SpeakUnique

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In your own words.



# 1. Register



## New to SpeakUnique?

Start with your email address:

☐ I agree to the [privacy policy](#) and [terms of use](#)  
(These links will open in a new window.)

**Begin Registration >**

## Registered already?

Enter your email address:

Enter your password:

**Login >**

[Forgot your password?](#)

**< Cancel**



# 1. Register




Let's get to know each other:

Fields marked with a red star \* are required for registration.

First name\*

Last name\*

Choose a password\*  

How did you hear about SpeakUnique?

Would you like to join our marketing list? ☐

[← Cancel](#) [Continue →](#)

# 1. Register



[Your Account](#)

[Logout](#)

Please select one of our voice bank services:

## Voice Build



£175

If your speech is **not yet** affected.

A synthetic replica of your own voice.

[Get Started](#)

## Voice Repair



£250

If your speech is already affected.

For if your voice is slow, slurred, or the pitch has changed.

A repaired version of your voice.

[Get Started](#)

## Voice Design



£300

Use old recordings of your voice

OR

Create a bespoke voice from voice donors

[Get Started](#)

## Healthcare Professionals



Free trial of Voice Build for healthcare professionals.

Please register with your professional email address.

[Get Started](#)

# 1. Register



Your Account

Logout

## Let's get to know each other

We collect this information to help us create your synthetic voice.

What is your medical diagnosis or condition?

When were you diagnosed?

Please select your date of birth \*

Please select your gender \*

Male ☐


Female ☐

Other ☐

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Please note that you do not need to provide the information set out on this page and you can proceed to the next page without completing these fields. However, in order to improve our understanding of how to build your voice, you can complete the information on this page.

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For the purposes of applicable data protection law, SpeakUnique Limited ("SpeakUnique", "we", "us") is a controller of personal data you provide by submitting this form. By completing this form, you consent to your personal data being collected and processed by us in order to improve our understanding of how to build, repair or design your voice in accordance with our Privacy Notice at [www.speakunique.co.uk/privacy-policy](http://www.speakunique.co.uk/privacy-policy)  You can withdraw your consent at any time by emailing [privacy@speakunique.co.uk](mailto:privacy@speakunique.co.uk).

# 1. Register

### How would you describe your regional accent?\*

Country:

Please select▼

Region/County/State:

Please select▼

Do you have any other accent influences? [More about this ?](#)

(optional)

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# 1. Register



**Thanks for signing up to SpeakUnique.**

**Your account has successfully been created.**

A confirmation email has been sent to the email address you provided. Please use this email address and the password you set at registration to log back in to your account.

**You're now ready to start recording.**

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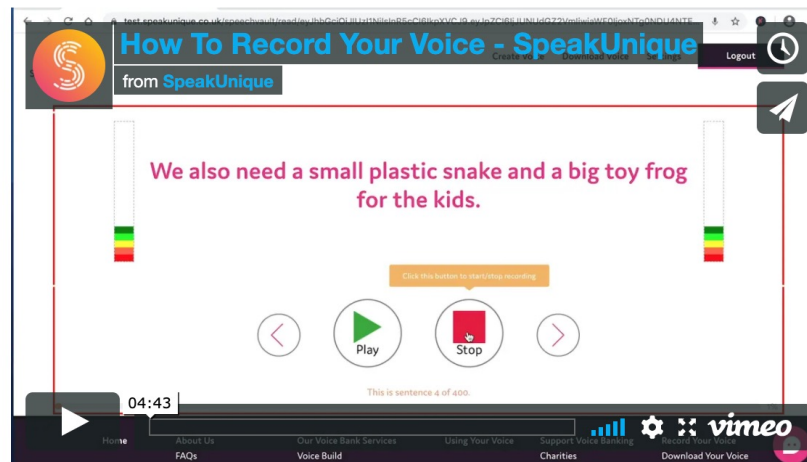
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## 2. Record



### Recording your voice

For step-by-step instructions on how to record your voice, please watch our video below



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## 2. Record



### Recording Tips

Our state-of-the-art speech synthesis technology works by mimicking what it hears in your recording.

This is what makes it so great at capturing your identity in the voice.

But there are a few things to remember:

**Make sure you are in a quiet room with no background noise.** For example, if you have any pets make sure they're out of the room, switch off any appliances like the dishwasher or washing machine, and try to record away from any busy streets.

The quality of the audio will also affect the quality of the voice. This is why we ask you to **use an external microphone** (not the one built-in to your computer). Try not to record in a room that is very echoey: rooms with lots of soft furnishings are good, and closing windows and curtains can also help.

**Read the sentences in a natural voice** - don't over-emphasise any of the words but try not to sound too flat. Otherwise this will come through in your synthetic voice.

Only record when you are reading the correct sentence. Try not to cough or stutter on a word during the recording. If you do or **if you make a mistake while reading a sentence then re-record the sentence.**

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## 2. Record



Get ready



Position your  
microphone so it is  
level with your jaw



Not too low...



...and not too high

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## 2. Record



### Choosing a script

First, you are required to read a set of sentences designed to cover all the sounds in the English language.

Next, you will be asked to read sentences from a book.  
Please select the genre of book you would like to read from:

Science Fiction



Detective and Adventure



Period Drama



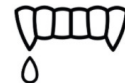
Bedtime Classics



Legends and Mythology



Horror and Supernatural



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## 2. Record

### Choosing a script

You have selected Bedtime Classics. Please select a book to read from below.

Title	Author	Reading Difficulty	
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	Average	<input type="radio"/>
Dick Whittington and His Cat	Edith Carrington	Easier	<input type="radio"/>
Peter Pan	J.M. Barrie	Harder	<input type="radio"/>
Stories by Beatrix Potter	Beatrix Potter	Average	<input type="radio"/>
The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling	Average	<input type="radio"/>

Please note that some books may have been edited for clarity and ease of reading. The books have been rated for difficulty based on factors such as length of sentences, structure of sentences and vocabulary. To return to the genre selection please press  
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## 2. Record

### Get Comfortable

Set yourself up somewhere quiet and comfortable where you can keep your computer stable. Grab yourself a glass of water or a cup of tea.

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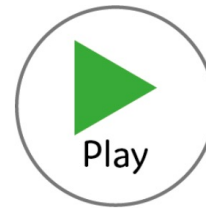
## 2. Record



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Logout

Please call Stella.



This is sentence 1 of 300.

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Save and Log Out

If you want to complete the recording at a later date please click here. Your current progress will be saved and you will be logged out.

# 3. Submit Recordings



Your Account

Logout

'All the rest are going to send,' said little Alice.



This is sentence 151 of 300.

Reading: Dick Whittington and His Cat [Click to change book]

50%

Save and Log Out

If you want to complete the recording at a later date please click here. Your current progress will be saved and you will be logged out.

Save and Submit
















If you have recorded all the sentences you can manage please click to submit your recording and we will generate your synthetic voice.

# 4. Listen to Voice Samples

### Your Voice Repair is ready to listen to!

To make sure you're happy with your synthetic voice, we've created 5 different versions for you to pick from.

Please select the repaired voice that you like the best.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
"Here is a sample of my personalised SpeakUnique voice."					
"This is based on a recording of my voice."					
"It means I can continue to communicate in my own voice."					
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To download your voice onto your communication device please select your preferred voice and then click below to complete your payment:

Pay Now

Apply For Funding

# 5. Pay/ Apply for Funding



Your Account

Logout

A selection of charities will fund a SpeakUnique voice for communication aids. Please see below for the charities that will currently fund our voices and the eligibility criteria for each fund.



MND Scotland will fund 100% of the cost of SpeakUnique products for those resident in Scotland who have a confirmed diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease or Kennedy's Disease.

Apply →



Motor Neurone Disease Association

The MND Association will fund 100% of the cost of SpeakUnique products for those resident in England, Northern Ireland or Wales, who have a confirmed diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease or Kennedy's Disease.

Apply →



Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association

PSPA are able to offer funding for SpeakUnique products for those who live in the UK with a confirmed diagnosis of PSP or CBD. Please note you will need to provide contact details of a healthcare professional to apply.

Apply →



Multiple System Atrophy Trust

The MSA Trust can offer funding for Voice Repair for their members living with MSA in the UK and Ireland. Please make sure you have checked with the Trust that you are eligible and that you have the support of a Speech and Language Therapist or MSA Nurse Specialist for Voice Repair.

Apply →

If you are eligible and wish to apply for funding, please click "Apply" and fill out the required information. This will then be sent to the selected charity for approval.

You will be notified by email whether your application for funding is successful.

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## 5. Pay/ Apply for Funding

### Apply for PSPA Funding

To apply for funding to cover the cost of your SpeakUnique voice from PSPA please complete this form.

The details you enter will be sent to the named healthcare professional and PSPA, alongside the message below asking the healthcare professional to endorse your application for funding from PSPA. We will notify you by email on the outcome of your funding application.

Name*	<input type="text"/>
Phone number*	<input type="text"/>
Email address*	<input type="text" value="alice@speakunique.co.uk"/>
SpeakUnique Product	<input type="text" value="Voice Repair"/>
Cost	<input type="text" value="£ 250"/>
Name of healthcare professional endorsing application for Support Grant*	<input type="text"/>
Contact details for healthcare professional*	<input type="text"/>

Below is a preview of the email that we will send on your behalf to your healthcare professional

Date: Thu, 18 Mar 2021  
To:  
From: SpeakUnique <support@speakunique.co.uk>  
Subject: PSPA funding request for a SpeakUnique voice

[Your name] has applied for funding through PSPA for the cost of a SpeakUnique voice.

They have nominated you as a healthcare professional to support this application.

Please respond to this email, ensuring PSPA is cc'ed, confirming that you endorse this application and give a short overview of why this service would be beneficial to the individual.

If the individual applying for funding is a resident in Scotland, please give a reason why the SpeakUnique voice cannot be funded through NHS Scotland's provision of communication aids.

Details of the individual applying for funding:

Name:

Phone number:

Email address: alice@speakunique.co.uk

SpeakUnique product: Voice Repair

Cost: £250

Send



# 5. Pay/ Apply for Funding

## Apply for MND Association Funding

To apply for funding to cover the cost of your SpeakUnique voice from the MND Association please complete this form:

Name*	<input type="text"/>
Address*	<input type="text"/>
Postcode*	<input type="text"/>
Phone number*	<input type="text"/>
Email address*	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth*	<input type="text"/>
Speech & Language Therapist (SLT) details <i>(If applicable)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Doctor/GP details*	<input type="text"/>
Date of Diagnosis*	<input type="text"/>

# 6. Download Voice

## Download Voice

[Apple](#) [Android](#) [Windows](#)

### Voice Build

Click below to reveal your code, then enter this code into **the SpeakUnique app** on your Apple device.

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## Download Voice

[Apple](#) [Android](#) [Windows](#)

Our guide to installing your voice onto your device is available as a PDF file.  
Click below to view it:



Click the button below to download your voice file for installation onto your Windows device.



# Key Points

- Creation of high quality synthetic voices from short recording times
- Recording completed on user-friendly website with tutorial videos and tips
- Synthetic voice can be listened to before any payment is taken
- Voice banking opportunities for people with impaired speech or unintelligible speech
- Free voice banking trial for all healthcare professionals/ charities

# Any Questions?